



MINUTES OF MEETING 17 APRIL 1979

TIME: 12:00 noon - 3:30 p.m.  
PLACE: The Canal House, 25 Calhoun Street,  
Trenton, New Jersey  
DATE: Tuesday, 17 April 1979

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Jessen, Jones,  
Sinclair, Sayen, Hamilton, Holland,  
and Torpey

STAFF: Mr. Amon, Ms. Mahoney  
DEP: Mr. Galley, Mr. Chase, Bureau of Water  
Facility Operations  
DAG: Ms. Rebecca Fields

GUESTS: Mr. Scandariato, Mr. Fletcher, the  
George Washington Council of the  
Boy Scouts

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Mr. Kirkland called the meeting to order and stated that the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Law had been properly met for the meeting of 17 April 1979.

It was moved by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Sayen to approve the minutes of the 20 March 1979 meeting as mailed. The motion was carried unanimously.

BOY SCOUTS

Mr. Kirkland welcomed Mr. Scandariato and Mr. Fletcher from the George Washington Council of the Boy Scouts. Mr. Amon commented that the purpose of discussing the Scout project was threefold: first, to bring the Commission up to date on the progress of getting commitments from the Scouts, second, to discuss the

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DIRECTOR	Benjamin B. Kirkland	Martin D. Jessen	Donald B. Jones	Daniel J. O'Hern	Joseph H. Burns	James C. Sayen
James C. Amon	Chairman	Vice-Chairman	Treasurer	Bruce A. Hamilton	Arthur J. Holland	Frank J. Torpey

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degree of logistical support the scouts could get from the Department; and third, to begin discussing specific tasks for the boys. Mr. Scandariato reported that he has been presenting the project to various groups within the George Washington Council and meeting with overwhelming enthusiasm for the project. He said that the Scouts were planning a "Camporee"--a camping weekend with a theme--for the weekend of October 19th, 20th, and 21st. On this weekend between 5000 and 7000 scouts would be on the canal for initial projects. It was generally agreed upon that for this weekend it would be best to concentrate on trash removal and some clearing of the vines and shrubs between the tow path and the canal. The Department, Mr. Sinclair added, would provide receptacles and trucks to remove the collected or cut materials. Subsequent to this initial weekend effort, the scout troops would adopt sections of the canal and undertake more specific jobs. It was suggested that the DEP could supply the materials for mile markers along the feeder. Mr. Sinclair said that DEP might supply white paint if the boys brought brushes to repaint the canal's bridges. Mr. Amon had drafted a list of these projects to be reviewed by the DEP and revised over the summer.

Mr. Kirkland thanked the guests and expressed the Commission's keen enthusiasm for the project.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Several disparate items arose:

1. Mr. Sinclair said that he would send each Commissioner a report on the status of the projects undertaken with the \$50,000 from the Canal Commission last year.
2. Mr. Jessen asked Mr. Amon to check again on the work at Deep Lock.
3. Mr. Amon was asked to prepare a memo giving the details of what the Commission wants from DOT in connection with the construction of I-295. Mr. Sinclair will then prepare a letter from Commissioner O'Hern to Commissioner Gambicini asking for information on the status of the project.
4. Mr. Sinclair said that he would investigate the status of the proposed trail on the abandoned Bel-Del right-of-way.
5. It was agreed upon that the May meeting would be held at the Bogan Meadows in Franklin Township.

#### ADDITION TO BWFO FIELD OFFICE

Mr. Galley presented plans for an addition on the rear of BWFO's field office on Route One. Mr. Jessen moved and Mr. Sayen seconded a resolution approving the plans as presented. Mr. Hamilton asked about landscaping. Mr. Galley said that he would be happy to include landscaping. Mr. Hamilton drew a landscape plan on the plans presented by Mr. Galley. The motion was carried unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE STATUS

Mr. Amon reported that things are going very well in negotiating with counties and municipalities for cooperative administration of the Commission's review zone standards. He reported that Mercer and Somerset Counties seem to be on the verge of agreeing to cooperate with the Commission on the administration of the review zone. Middlesex County must resolve internal disagreements (between the Planning and Engineering Departments) before they can participate, but South Brunswick Township and possibly two other Middlesex County municipalities may be able to participate. Negotiations are still underway in Hunterdon County.

SURPLUS BUDGET FUNDS

Mr. Amon announced that the Commission's 1979 fiscal year budget had included \$40,000 for review zone officers because there seemed to be a possibility that the review zone would be in operation. Since it has not started yet, however, the Commission's budget has a \$40,000 surplus. Mr. Amon suggested that the funds be given to the DEP for Canal Park projects that do not require the labor of Canal Park maintenance personnel. Mr. Sayen moved that the \$40,000 be used to do the following:

1. \$12,000 used to match a Federal grant for restoration of the Hanover Street Canal House in Trenton.
2. Installation of septic systems at Carnegie Road House (Lawrence) and East Millstone House (Franklin).

Any funds left over should be used for other improvements on the Carnegie and East Millstone Houses. Mr. Jones seconded the motion; it was carried without opposition.

Mr. Jessen asked about the pay raise for Mr. Amon. The raise that was approved for 1 July 1978 has still not come through. Mr. Kirkland was asked to talk to Treasurer Goldman and try to clear up the matter.

CAR FOR NEW COMMISSION EMPLOYEES

Mr. Amon said that the Historic Preservation Officers will need a car through the summer. After that, it will be necessary to have a car for the review zone officers. It was suggested that Mr. Amon investigate the relative costs of purchasing a new car or leasing the car for the summer and report back at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.